



Congressman Ben Cardin's 2004 Questionnaire

Dear Friends,

This has been a difficult year for our nation. We are waging a two-front war, one in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. At the same time, we are still living under the threat of future terrorist attacks. As your Congressman in Washington, it is important that I know your views on the many important issues that will be before Congress this year.

Every year I send out a Questionnaire to help me better represent you. I hope you will take a moment to answer these questions. This Questionnaire has been designed with a response card that can be easily detached and mailed. Because of size requirements, the U.S. Postal Service requires a 37-cent stamp on the response card. You also can respond by going to my web site at www.house.gov/cardin where you can enter your answers to this Questionnaire.

On the back page, there is a listing of Town Hall meetings I have scheduled this summer. I hope to see you there.

Best wishes.

1. Should Congress approve the President's request of another \$25 billion supplemental appropriation to pay for the Iraq War?
2. Should private contractors be used to guard or interrogate enemy prisoners?
3. Facing the long-term challenges of the War on Terror and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, would you support the resumption of the military draft?
4. If the draft were to be reinstated, should women also be included?

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5. Should Congress reauthorize the PATRIOT Act, which was enacted after 9/11 to modernize our wiretap and investigation laws to track down terrorists ?
6. Biometrics is the use of fingerprints, eye scans, and voice recognition to verify an individual's identity. Should Congress require biometric identification on all passports?
7. Maryland recently enacted a new fee on wastewater with the revenues targeted specifically to address Chesapeake Bay pollution. Would you support a similar approach at the federal level to fund key environmental priorities?
8. The Clean Air Act required existing coal burning power plants to make major environmental investments when renovating or expanding. The Bush Administration has eased these requirements, saying they were impeding modernization of electrical capacity. Do you support the easing of air pollution requirements?
9. Some states are building new toll lanes on highways in congested areas, with the toll revenues being used to build the new lanes. Do you support using tolls to expand the Baltimore Beltway instead of a broader-based increase in the gas tax to expand the highway system?
10. Do you believe the federal government should continue to support the operations and purchase of new equipment for Amtrak?
11. Do you support tax incentives that would encourage highly qualified teachers to work in schools that are having trouble meeting the achievement standards set by the "No Child Left Behind" law?
12. Would you support an increase in the annual maximum Pell Grant for the neediest undergraduate students?
13. Do you support enactment of federal legislation to protect individuals from being discriminated against because of genetic testing results?
14. Should National Guard and Reserve members who do not have health insurance through their year-round employers be guaranteed coverage through the military health care system?



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15. Should the Food and Drug Administration make emergency contraception, i.e., the “morning after pill” available for sale over the counter?

16. Should Congress insist on stricter country of origin labeling on grocery store products?

17. Should Congress ban the practice of racial profiling by state and local law enforcement?

18. Should working Americans under the age of 45 be permitted to put a percentage of their payroll taxes into private retirement accounts rather than into the Social Security system?

19. Should NASA support a manned servicing mission to the Hubble Space Telescope to keep it operational until approximately 2012?

20. Should Congress adopt a constitutional amendment that would prohibit states from recognizing same-sex marriages?

21. Should the United States lift its trade embargo against Cuba?

22. To improve the timeliness of information, I am moving toward an increase in internet communications. Next year, would you favor answering my Questionnaire through the internet?

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Rep. Cardin's Town Hall Meetings

Veterans Town Hall Meeting

- Monday, July 12 at 10 a.m.

American Legion

Dewey Lowman Post 109

1610 Sulphur Spring Rd.,
Halethorpe

Medicare Prescription Drug Town Hall Meeting

- Monday, July 12 at 1 p.m.

Catherine O'Malley Senior Center

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